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President Nazarbayev is bringing more than 30 business leaders with him to Washington next week and will try to secure increased US investment,

The President also wants the US to broker stalled discussions with Russia on sharing profits from the sales of highly enriched uranium from dismantled nuclear weapons—according to press reports, he recently told Ukrainian President Kravchuk that he would ask Washington for a trilateral agreement on this issue similar to the one the US, Russia, and Ukraine concluded—and on the use of the Baykonur space complex. In addition, he will ask the US to persuade Russia to end its restriction on oil exports through its pipelines and to moderate its demand for equity interests in Kazakhstan's oilfield in return for cooperation on a new Russia-Kazakhstan pipeline. Nazarbayev canceled a stop in Moscow set for today; instead, Russian Foreign Minister Kozyrev went to Almaty this week, but there was no movement on these issues.

Comment: A successful US visit would increase Nazarbayev's prestige in advance of national and local elections set for 7 March. Nazarbayev almost certainly expects a closer relationship with the US to help secure Kazakhstani sovereignty and economic prosperity. He apparently has lost patience with bilateral discussions with Russia and believes only direct US involvement can persuade Moscow to be more accommodating on difficult issues, particularly HEU compensation.

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